

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the instant case in view of the instant response. Claims 1, 3-7, 8, 9, 11-19 and 21 remain pending in the case. Claims 1, 8, 13 and 15 and 21 have been amended herein. Claims 2, 10 and 20 have been cancelled herein. No new matter has been added.

The status of Claim 21 has been changed from original to currently amended, as required.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed remarks, reconsideration of the Claims is requested. Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 3-7, 8, 9, 11-19 and 21 overcome the rejections and objections of record and, therefore, allowance of Claims 1, 3-7, 8, 9, 11-19 and 21 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant response, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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